Organisations like, International Cooperative Alliance, International Labour Organisation, F.A.O. etc.

(ii) The visits increased collaboration with counterparts in the foreign countries in the fields of Human Resources development, cooperative insurance, banking etc.

(iii) Three projects for artisans' cooperatives, one each in the National Capital of Territory of Delhi and the States of Karnataka and West Bengal have been sanctioned by the International Cooperative Alliance.

STATEMENT

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
A. Number of foreign visits made by			
(i) President, National Cooperative Union of India	5	4	6
(ii) Chief Executive, National Cooperative Union of India	3	4	3
B. Foreign exchange spent on these visits (in Rupees)			
(i) President	2,39,321	3,33,622	6,72,945
(ii) Chief Executive	91,328	1,27,860	1,79,610

[Translation]

Stoppage at Tetulamari

4884. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request for providing stoppage of the Ganga-Damodar train running between Dhanbad and Patna, at Tetulamari Station under the Dhanbad Division;

(b) if so, whether the Government have approved the said proposal; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Lack of traffic justification and its close proximity to Dhanbad (9 Kms.).

Stoppage at Ferozabad

4885. PROF. OM PAL SINGH 'NIDAR': Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the superfast trains do not have stoppage at Ferozabad;

(b) whether the Government have received requests for providing the stoppage of the Kalindi, Vaishali, North-East, Prayagraj, Jodhpur-Howrah, Marudhar, Purushotam, New Delhi-Puri, Poorva Brahmputra and Shatabadi Express trains at Ferozabad or Tundla Stations;

(c) whether the Government have also received requests to provide reservation facility in each class in the trains which stop at Tundla and Ferozabad stations and the trains which are likely to have a stoppage at the said stations in future; and

(d) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. Three pairs of superfast trains are already stopping at this station.

(b) Requests for stoppage of additional trains at Firozabad and Tundla have been received. Poorva Express, Vaishali Express, North-East Express, Brahmputra Mail, Kalindi Express and Marudhar Express (in Down direction only) are already scheduled to stop at Tundla.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The stoppage of Marudhar Express at Tundla in the Up direction is being provided from 01.10.96. However, stoppage of any other additional train at Firozabad or Tundla is not found justified. As regards reservation quotas, the same is allotted at any station in a train taking into account the total availability of reserved accommodation and demand pattern. Accordingly, reservation quotas have been provided at Firozabad and Tundla in various trains. There is no proposal at present either to allot any fresh quota or enhance the present quota allocated to these stations.

Privastisation of Sanitation Work

4886. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of railway stations in the country particularly in Gujarat for which sanitation work has been assigned to the private parties; and

(b) the action taken to rehabilitate the surplus lower class Railway employees as a result of assigning the said work to the private parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Speed of Maharashtra Express

4887. DR. G.R. SARODE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received to increase the speed of 7384/7383 Maharashtra Express running between Gaundia and Kolhapur under the Central Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Some representations, including from Shri Digvijay Khanvilkar, MLA, Maharashtra, have been received in this regard. The possibility of speeding up of 7383/7384 Maharashtra Express has been examined but not found feasible due to operational factors including reversals besides a large number of halts.

[English]

Recruitment in Delhi Police

4888. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to recruit persons from all over the country for the Delhi Police;

(b) whether the Delhi Police is recruting persons barring the Eastern and North Eastern States; and

(c) the steps to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

EMU Car Shed at Barddhaman

4889. SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY:
SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY:
DR. ASIM BALA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether from the operational point of view there is urgent need to have a EMU Car Shed at Barddhaman;

(b) whether in absence of such shed, EMU services were disturbed frequently; and

(c) the reaction of the Government to run EMU service from Barddhaman to Sealdah, Bandel, Howrah (both directions), Dankuni, Kharagpur, Barakar and Chittaranjan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) EMU/MEMU services already connect Barddhaman to Sealdah, Bandel, Howrah, Dankuni, Barakar. Provision of EMU services between Barddhaman and Kharagpur is not feasible due to operational constraints. Introduction of EMU services from Barddhaman to Chittaranjan is not feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Industries in Dahanu

4890. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any communications from Industries' Association in Thane District complaining about the ill-effects of the Government Circular dated 20 June, 1991 on the Industrial growth of the Dahanu; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The action in the matter would need to be taken after the case pending in the Supreme Court has been disposed of.

Scientific Laboratories

4891. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish Scientific Laboratories for the Agriculture in every district headquarters of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of facilities proposed to be made available in these laboratories for the farmers;

(d) the manner in which the farmers are likely to be benefited by establishing these laboratories;

(e) the annual target fixed for establishing these laboratories; and

(f) the time by which these are likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No, Sir. However the Government propose to establish Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in each district of the country.

(b) Out of 503 rural districts, 252 districts have been covered by the Krishi Vigyan Kendras. Details are given in the attached statement.

(c) and (d) The aim of KVK is to help the farmers to adopt the latest agricultural technology through skill based training, on-farm testing on crops, livestock, horticulture, fisheries etc., frontline demonstrations, and